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April 6, 2007

TO: San Luis Obispo County Farmers

FROM: Laura Hebert
Agriculture/Weights and Measures Technician

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Disaster Declaration- Frost Damage

We would like to finally announce that we have received the disaster declaration for the frost damage that occurred in January, 2007. This declaration is a result of your participation in a frost assessment survey that we conducted in February.

Please find the attached information about assistance in the form of emergency farm loans as a result of this declaration.

For information about the loans please contact the Santa Maria Farm Service Agency office at (805) 928-9269 extension 1111.

For information about any other Farm Service Agency programs please contact their Templeton office at (805) 434-0398 extension 2.

Thank you for your participation in the frost survey, your cooperation was greatly appreciated and helped us write the declaration request on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Laura Hebert

cc: Jennifer Anderson, USDA
Ron Alsop, County OES



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Mr. Jerry Lenthall, Chairperson
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
County Government Center, Room 370
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Dear Chairperson Lenthall:

Pursuant to President Bush's March 14, 2007, major disaster declaration FEMA-1689-DR-CA the processing of U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Emergency loans for physical and production losses have been authorized for the primary Counties of **Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura**; and the contiguous Counties of **Inyo, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mono, Orange, San Benito, and Santa Cruz**. This disaster is due to damages caused by Severe Freeze that occurred January 11 - 17, 2007.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

HENRY R. RENTERIA
Director

Enclosure

- c: San Luis Obispo County OES
San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner
California Department of Food and Agriculture
OES Regional Administrator

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation M1689 Presidential Declaration – Severe Freeze

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Ventura
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Inyo, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mono, Orange, San Benito, Santa Cruz
Event:	Pursuant to President Bush's March 14, 2007 major disaster declaration, due to damages caused by severe freeze which occurred January 11 – 17, 2007.
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000 • Interest rate of 3.75 percent
Application deadline:	November 13, 2007 <i>NOTE: For counties named above, this application deadline supersedes previous deadlines for USDA designations related to the freeze</i>
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm

**FORTY-SEVEN (47) CALIFORNIA COUNTIES ELIGIBLE
FOR USDA EMERGENCY FARM LOANS**

Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's designation of an emergency in the state of California on January 31, 2007, the following list of counties have been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by extremely low temperatures, freezing conditions, which occurred on January 6, 2007, through January 19, 2007:

El Dorado	Imperial	Merced	Sacramento	Santa Barbara	Tulare
Fresno	Kern	Monterey	San Bernardino	Stanislaus	Yolo
Glenn	Madera	Riverside	San Luis Obispo	Sutter	Yuba

In addition, the following contiguous counties are eligible:

Alameda	Colusa	Los Angeles	Nevada	San Diego	Solano
Alpine	Contra Costa	Mariposa	Orange	San Joaquin	Tehama
Amador	Inyo	Mendocino	Placer	Santa Clara	Tuolumne
Butte	Kings	Mono	Plumas	Santa Cruz	Ventura
Calaveras	Lake	Napa	San Benito	Sierra	

Farmers in all forty-seven (47) counties have eight months to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, they must:

- Have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of normal production directly related to the above-cited cause,
- Be able to repay the loan and any other loans,
- Be Unable to obtain credit elsewhere,
- Have adequate security, and
- Have multi-peril crop insurance, if available.

All applicants must complete a certification of disaster losses, which reflects the exact date(s) and nature of the designated disaster and how it caused the loss or damage. Crop insurance field reports may be a source for documenting losses directly related to the cited cause.

The authorization for Farm Service Agency (FSA) to accept Emergency loan applications under this authorization expires on October 1, 2007. Applications should be filed with your FSA Service Center at 920 EAST STOWELL RD (305) 928-9269 x 2
SANTA MARIA, CA. 93454-7008

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